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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3495

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ADDIS ABABA DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF LAND REFORM  
PROCLAMATION

REF: ADDIS 2584

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, GOVERNMENT "AUTHORIZED" DEMONSTRATION  
COMMENCED IN ADDIS ABABA AT APPROXIMATELY 0830 LOCAL MARCH 5.  
DEMONSTRATORS ESTIMATED AT 20 TO 30 THOUSAND, PRIMARILY ELEMENTARY  
STUDENTS WHO HAVE HOLIDAY FOR DEMONSTRATION. AS OF THIS WRITING,  
1500 LOCAL, DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL AND HELD IN FESTIVE  
AIR.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS GENERALLY CONDUCTED BY MANY SMALL GROUPS ORGANIZED  
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ACCORDING TO SCHOOL OR AFFINITY GROUP AND CARRYING PLACARDS,

FLAGS AND PALM BRANCHES, CHANTING AS THEY MARCHED. WIDE  
VARIETY OF SLOGANS PAINTED ON SIGNS, GIST OF WHICH GENERALLY  
PRO-SOCIALISM, PRO-LAND REFORM AND ANTI-FEUDAL, ANTI-IMPERIALIST.  
FOR COMIC RELIEF, ONE SIGN SAID "DOWN WITH PETTY BOURGEOIS SOCIALISM."  
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3. SOME GROUPS OF OLDER STUDENTS WEARING ZAMETCHA UNIFORMS CARRIED  
RED FLAGS, PICTURES OF LENIN AND MAO, HAMMER AND SICKLE EMBLEMS,  
AND A FEW SHOUTS OF "YANKEE GO HOME" WERE DIRECTED AT EMBOFF.

4. DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE UNTIL 1700 HOURS LOCAL.  
WE EXPECT FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE COURSE OF THE WEEK,  
BOTH IN ADDIS ABABA AND OTHER CITIES.

5. REPORTS REACHING THE EMBASSY LATE MARCH 5 FROM DESSIE AND FAIR  
NUMBER OF OTHER UPCOUNTRY LOCATIONS (VIA UNDP'S EXPERTS)  
SUGGEST RURAL CENTERS GENERALLY CALM.  
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